

26 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA/GSA Relationship - Proposed New CIA Building.

1. Mr. Dulles advised me of his discussion of the CIA/GSA problem with Sherman Adams on Monday, 14 November, and stated that Adams had indicated that before the White House made a decision he wanted to be sure where they stood legally. Mr. Dulles was inclined to think that even if we could work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the General Services Administration it might be necessary to submit a paper on the arrangement to The Attorney General and obtain his blessing. I said that I was rather surprised at the attitude of the White House, and that if they had no objection to our submitting a paper to The Attorney General for a ruling I would like to see this done inasmuch as presumably we would be submitting some kind of paper in any case.

2. After a brief discussion Mr. Dulles seemed to think that we either would submit our paper as now written or submit a joint proposal. He asked me to explore with GSA to determine whether a mutually satisfactory arrangement could be made. I said that I thought we certainly would have to let GSA sign the contract, to which Mr. Dulles indicated he might possibly be agreeable. However, he cautioned me not to give in from our position that we want the architect to supervise the actual construction.

3. On Thursday, 17 November, I telephoned Max Elliott and told him that I had not been able to reach any definite conclusion with Mr. Dulles, but that without Mr. Dulles' blessing and without committing the Agency in any way I should like to explore with him the possibility of working out a mutually acceptable arrangement. I stated that if he and I could agree on a satisfactory approach then possibly we could each submit it to Messrs. Dulles and Mansure and get the situation off dead center. (I did not tell him of Mr. Dulles' conversation with Sherman Adams.) I asked him to discuss the matter with Larry Houston who was seeing him on other matters.

4. Larry Houston reported back later in the day that Max

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thought it was entirely possible to work out something. He said that Max did not seem to think supervision by our architect would be an insurmountable problem; however, he thought the one point on which Mr. Mansure might stick would be his feeling that there should be more than one architect. He told Max that we had never taken odds with this position and saw no reason why we couldn't reach agreement on the subject.

5. Larry undertook to draft a paper for my consideration along the lines of our original sponsor/executive agent concept.

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